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collect debts, etc., for the terms mentioned on one of the front pages of the book. Part two, is a full list of the banks and bankers, together with their capital, surplus and names of officers and correspondents. The list includes all the national, State, savings and private banks, safe deposit, trust and guarantee companies in the United States. Part three is a complete court calender giving the dates, times and places for holding all State and Federal Courts throughout the country. Part four is a synopsis arranged according to the laws of all the States and Territories relative to the collection of debts. Part five is a list of forms for the acknowledgment of deeds, affidavits for proving public accounts, and instructions for taking depositions in all the States and Territories. Part six is a "Telegraph Code," a system by which one can send a long message at very small cost. It is divided into three parts: Part one, being for the use of merchants and the commercial traveller. Part two, for the use of attorney and client. Part three, for general use.

This outline statement of what the work contains is sufficient to prove its value to the profession.

The value of all such publications depends upon the care and accuracy with which they are done. As we have said, so far as we have had occasion to use the directory, we have found it satisfactory.

W. D. L.

MANUEL FOR INSPECTORS OF ELECTION, POLL CLERKS, BALLOT CLERKS AND VOTERS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (EXCEPT IN THE CITIES OF NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN) FOR USE AT ELECTIONS AND ON REGISTRATION DAYS. Compiled from Existing Laws of the State of New York and the United States with Amendments to Date, with Notes, Forms and Instructions. By F. G. JEWETT. Albany: Matthew Bender, 1893.

This work, of course, is not useful outside of New York. For the voters in that State, who are inflicted with the caricature of a Ballot Reform Act, it must be very useful, as it contains the qualifications of election officers, registration

laws, forms of the ballot used, together with a synopsis of what is meant by citizenship. The index seems to be very complete.

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LAWYERS' REPORTS ANNOTATED. BOOKS XIX AND XX.
Rochester, N. Y.: The Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing
Company, 1893.

XIX and XX L. R. A., are lying upon the reviewer's table and have been subjected to a careful examination. The general plan of this excellent periodical is too well known to the profession to make necessary an extended comment in this place. Whether or not there is a real need for a periodical which, like the L. R. A., publishes not only annotations and a synopsis of the briefs of counsel, but also the full text of the decisions of the courts, is a question about which lawyers differ. In view of the admirable system of Reports of the West Publishing Company, it should seem that the L. R. A. would be more acceptable to the profession if the cases and opinions were summarized or digested, instead of being reported at length, and the periodical were to confine itself to the publication of briefs and annotations. Under present conditions no publication of selected cases can ever be what the L. R. A. claims to be, namely: "A complete working library of text work and reports." A lawyer, with an important brief to write, will look up the cases which he is citing and read the opinions, not resting satisfied with the summary statement of the decision as contained in an annotation or digest. He is accordingly saved but little trouble by the circumstance that one case out of, say, fifty cited is reported in full in the L. R. A.

However, this may be, the plan of the work is certainly well carried out. The cases are carefully selected; many of the briefs are extremely valuable and the annotations are often replete with learning and suggestion. In Book XIX the reader will find a valuable collection of authorities in the briefs of counsel in *Genet v. Delaware & Hudson Canal Co.*, an interesting decision by the New York Court of Appeals in regard to the effect of a mining lease containing stipulations